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PREFACE

THIS Part of the Chester Beatty Biblical Papyri contains the complete photographic facsimile of the longer of the two papyri of the book of Genesis. The text has already been published (with introduction and critical apparatus) in Fasciculus IV of the series, pp. 1-86, where a description of the manuscript will be found. It is a codex of fifty leaves, all more or less imperfect, but containing a great part of the text from ch. ix. 1 to ch. xliv. 22. One leaf is lost after fol. 6, and another after fol. 49. When complete, the codex would have consisted of sixty-six leaves, but the quire arrangement is uncertain. It was apparently not a single large quire, but probably was formed of quires of about ten leaves. Recto pages face recto throughout, and verso verso. It is written in a large, heavy uncial hand, rather resembling (though much thicker and rougher than) the hands of the early vellum codices, and may be assigned with some confidence to the early part of the fourth century, which is confirmed by the semi-cursive hand of a line added by a corrector in the upper margin of fol. 24v.

The foliation, which is that of the manuscript in its present condition, not of its original state, corresponds with that in the text volume.

The following small corrections to be made in the text volume may be noted:

Fol. 19v. The page number νε (= 55) is preserved.
Fol. 23v, l. 1. Read ιακωβ.
Fol. 49v. With the help of the photograph a few more lines may be restored:

\[\text{μεσημβριον \ η}
\text{κονισαν γαρ \ οτι [ε}
\text{κει} \ \text{μελει \ αρισταν}
\text{ευσημβρεν \ δε \ εις}\]

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